

SB 1582 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Sen. Frederick**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery****Action Date:** 02/10/22**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 3-1-1-0**Yeas:** 3 - Golden, Patterson, Prozanski**Nays:** 1 - Heard**Exc:** 1 - Kennemer**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Beth Patrino, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/8, 2/10**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes board of directors of rural fire protection district (RFPD) to annex to the district territory containing lands that are within seven road miles of a district fire station or lands that are brought within seven road miles of a district fire station, and that are not included in the rural fire protection district. Establishes process for annexation. Exempts annexation from the following requirements for RFPD formation: that county board determine territory of RFPD and that a conference be held with Department of Forestry prior to annexation. Provides that annexation is not subject to election. Provides that annexed lands are subject to outstanding indebtedness of RFPD, permanent rate limit established by RFPD, and local option taxes imposed by RFPD. Provides that annexed lands may be subject to district assessments for fire protection and fee for services provided by the RFPD. Provides that boundary change or proposed boundary change resulting from annexation applies in tax year beginning July 1, 2022, if boundary change or proposed boundary change is certain to become effective before July 1, 2022, and board of directors files final approved forms of legal description and map with county assessor and Department of Revenue on or before June 15, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether measure allows unimproved lands to be annexed or subject to tax assessments or fees
- Examples of rural fire protection district responding to a fire on property that is not part of the district, and not later being reimbursed for services
- Changes from similar 2021 legislation
- Interest in holding an election on annexation proposal

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Requires that lands to be annexed are not included in the rural fire protection district. Deletes requirement that lands to be annexed are not subject to tax assessment by the district. Revises language regarding direction to county assessor upon filing of legal description and map.

BACKGROUND:

Rural Fire Protection Districts (RFPDs) are special districts created to provide fire protection in rural areas of Oregon. RFPDs are formed under ORS 478.010 to 478.160. Counties have the authority to determine the territory included in an RFPD, subject to restrictions concerning territory within a city, water supply district, certain forestlands, railroad rights-of-way, and ocean shores, and subject to a special district petition, hearing, election, and notice requirements. There are currently over 200 RFPDs in the state.

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Senate Bill 1582 A would authorize the board of directors of an RFPD to annex to the district territory containing lands that are within seven road miles of a district fire station or lands that are brought within seven road miles of a district fire station.